



# Arboretum Committee

## **Agenda**

**Tuesday, 26 January 2016**

Town Offices, Penn Place

**7:30 p.m.**

## **Consideration of minutes**

**Keswick Street:** Consideration of species for odd-numbered side

**Database/numbering:** How to finalize data entry; tree markers/tags

**Mapping/platting town property, rights-of-way**

**Outreach and education** (Jenny, Kathy)

**Garrett Park “street adoption”** by GPAC members

**Rokeby Avenue project:** Re-brief and prioritization

## **Future meeting dates**

February 23, 2016

March 22, 2016

April 26, 2016

May 24, 2016

June 28, 2016

### **December 2015 minutes:**

Members present: Kathy Benjamin, Bill Elwood, Michael Spekter, Pat Keating, Jenny Krivanek, Gene Swearingen. Guest: ?

The committee entertained a request from neighbors to revitalize the landscape at the north end of Rokeby Avenue that separates the Town from the unincorporated County. Members discussed past and future improvements, drainage issues, and potential ways to improve the property. The Committee assured the representative that GPAC would prioritize this project once it completed pending planning priorities and ensured that the area indeed is town property. Members debriefed one another on the November tree walk and discussed whether a counterpart spring walk would be worthwhile. Phil Normandy reported that our database continues to be updated and that there are approximately 180 trees planted over the past two years that require identification tags. Members discussed the Keswick poplars removal and entertained suggestions for “power-wire friendly” plants for the even-side of the street. Members concurred that native hibiscus trees were inappropriate but crepe myrtle trees were a suitable option; members agreed to bring other options to the January meeting. Kathy Benjamin and Jenny Krivanek are working on opportunities for the Outreach/Education subcommittee. Gene Swearingen assured the members that the town budget will be able to provide supportive resources for GPAC work including a clear mapping of town property and rights of way. Though members agreed on the idea of assigning town streets to members for monitoring and reporting to the Committee, we also agreed to postpone the discussion due to missing members and lack of time.